

## THE WEATHER

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Sunday Fair and Warmer

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METAL QUOTATIONS	
Silver	72 3/8
Copper	31.32
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Quicksilver	\$125

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## PRESIDENT IS WRITING HIS MESSAGE TO CONGRESS

## Cabinet Confident That Administration Has Backing of Country

SENATOR STONE WILL OPPOSE WAR  
BUT WILL SUPPORT WILSON TO  
THE END IF WAR IS DECLARED

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Mar. 31.—The president is writing his message. The cabinet reached a decision as to action quickly and unanimously yesterday. The administration officials are confident the president will have almost the solid backing of the country in whatever recommendation he makes.

Pacifists at the capital are expected to make some opposition.

Senator Stone, chairman of the foreign relations committee, broke silence on the international situation today. He said that war appears probable and that he will vote against a war declaration, but will give the president unlimited support

if war should be decided on. He intimated that some other senator, more acceptable to the president, would handle the war resolution in the senate.

Hitchcock, of Nebraska, next in rank, has told the president he is opposed to a war declaration, so probably Williams, of Mississippi, will be chosen.

The administrative branch of the American government has determined definitely upon a course of action to meet the hostility of Germany. While official announcement is withheld pending the appearance of President Wilson before Congress formal recognition of the existence of a state of war is expected to follow

soon after the extra session begins. The president, having decided upon the principal features of an address to be delivered to a joint session of the house and senate, is putting the document in writing.

Officials believe that Germany is making war on this nation because she has taken more than 240 American lives on the high seas, because she has destroyed American ships by wholesale, because millions of dollars worth of damage, has been done as a result of German plots in the United States, because she has attempted to set on foot a conspiracy with Mexico and Japan to dismember the republic, and finally because

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GERMAN MESSAGE TO MEXICO  
EXPLAINED BY DR. ZIMMERMAN

(By Associated Press.)  
LONDON, Mar. 31.—Reuter's Amsterdam correspondent sends the following concerning the address of Alfred Zimmermann, minister of foreign affairs, with regard to Germany's attempt to enthrone Mexico and Japan with the United States:

"Hugo Haase, leader of the Socialist minority in the reichstag, remarked that the German offer of an alliance with Mexico had aggravated the situation with the United States, and Dr. Zimmermann, replying, said:

"I wrote no letter to Gen. Carranza. I was not so naïve. I merely addressed by a route that appeared to me to be a safe one instructions to our representative in Mexico City. It is being investigated how the in-

structions fell into the hands of the American authorities.

"I instructed the minister to Mexico, in the event of war with the United States to propose a German alliance with Mexico and, simultaneously suggest that Japan join the alliance. I declared expressly that, despite the submarine war, we hoped America would maintain neutrality.

"My instructions were to be carried out only after the United States declared war and a state of war supervened. I believe the instructions were absolutely loyal as regards the United States. Gen. Carranza would, up to the present, have heard nothing of it, if the United States had not published the instructions which came into its hands in a way which

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AERIAL CRUISER  
DONATED BY CLUB

INITIAL STEPS TAKEN TO FURNISH GOVERNMENT WITH AN AIR FLEET

(By Associated Press.)  
NEW YORK, Mar. 31.—The fully equipped aerial coast patrol station at Port Washington, New York, together with an air cruiser fitted with two 220-horse-power motors and an airplane gun, were offered to the government through the Aero club of America by Rodman Wanamaker. Announcement of the gift was made at a dinner of the aero club at which former Ambassador James W. Gerard, was a speaker.

Aian R. Hawley, president of the club, announced that the Collier trophy offered annually for the greatest experiment in aviation in America had been awarded to Elmer A. Sperry and Lawrence H. Sperry, for the development of a drift indicator. The aero club's medal of merit has been given to Miss Ruth Law for establishing the American distance record across country; to Phillip Carroll for his patriotic work in training military aviators; to Floyd Smith for establishing American hydro-altitude records; to Corporal A. D. Smith, U. S. A., for the American hydro duration record; to Captain C. C. Culver, U. S. A., for wireless experimentation; and to James V. Martin, for the invention of the aero dynamic stabilizer.

Mr. Gerard declared that modern war is largely a matter of mechanics and munitions. The legend of the embattled farmer is responsible, he said, for much unpreparedness.

"We hear even today," he said, "prattlings about embattled farmers taking their old muskets from over the chimney piece, and defeating the invaders. But nowadays the old blacklock means Koppeller's machine."

MONGOLIA MAKES  
FIRST ROUND TRIP

(By Associated Press.)  
The arrival of the Mongolia marked the completion of the first round trip across the Atlantic made by an American vessel since the inauguration of the German ruthless submarine warfare. The Mongolia is commanded by Capt. Emory Rice and carries a crew of 141 of whom 72 are Americans.

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Mar. 31.—British steamers Sweden Range, and Crispin, both with Americans aboard, of whom some are unaccounted for, are reported to the state department as sunk without warning by a submarine. On the liner Crispin a torpedo struck the engine room and killed five, two of whom are believed to have been Americans. Sixty-eight of 112 in the crew are Americans. Some of the ship's boats are missing.

Later dispatches from Consul Frost regarding the Crispin stated that one American is known to have been killed with others, probably. An American negro collier was killed by the explosion.

An adlet in the Bonanza is the best investment.

captive observation balloons, steel helmets, poison gas and gas masks, machine guns, searchlights, sixteen inch guns and 18 inch howitzers, trench mortars, range finders, telescopes, armored automobiles, tanks, miles of barbed wire, underground mining, rockets and grenades and countless other instruments of war the proper use of which can only be learned after years of hard application. All these modern means of war require great preparations. If we are in for war we are in for a serious war."

SUBSTITUTE FOR FLOUR  
BY GERMAN CHEMISTS

(By Associated Press.)  
BERLIN, Mar. 31.—German chemists have discovered a method for making a flour substitute out of linden and beech buds. They claim that the substitute has the nutritive value of barley flour with four times its fat percentage.

GERMAN RAIDER  
ELUDES PATROL

REACHES THE SOUTH ATLANTIC WHERE SHE SINKS SEVERAL MERCHANTMEN

(By Associated Press.)  
RIO JANEIRO, Mar. 31.—A new German raider slipping past the British warships guarding the North Sea, reached the South Atlantic and has sent nine or more merchantmen to the bottom. The vessel is said to be the Zeeader.

CONSECRATION  
TO COUNTRY

QUAKER CITY CITIZENS ENGAGE IN IMPRESSIVE CEREMONIES AT INDEPENDENCE HALL

(By Associated Press.)  
PHILADELPHIA, Mar. 31.—Patriotic citizens went to Independence Hall to reconsecrate themselves to their country and pledge support to the national government. Senator Hiram W. Johnson addressed the crowd. He said:

"The United States will suffer much, even to the very tension of its honor, before going to war. But the nation, to refuse to maintain democratic ideals and protect its citizens, would be to sow within itself seeds of dissolution. Democracy, to serve, must ever be ready to protect its own. Every normally constituted man abhors war, but a nation that is dependent upon the character of a citizenship that dare not maintain these ideals, is lost."

Johnson said further: "We would have no selfish war of aggrandizement or aggression. We have no lust of conquest. We would, only when imperatively compelled by transgression of our rights, by the destruction of our lives, enter the combat, and then in the spirit of America, the spirit that took indemnity from China and returned Cuba unto its own people."

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Mar. 31.—The Republican caucus has nominated Mann for speaker of the house.

## TODAY AND A YEAR AGO

Official readings of the thermometer by the United States observer at Tonopah:

	1917	1916
5 a. m.	16	28
9 a. m.	22	39
12 noon	30	51
2 p. m.	35	56
Maximum	37	47
Minimum	16	28
Relative humidity at 2 p. m.	today, 64 per cent.	

## BOMBS PLACED ABOARD LINERS AT NEW YORK

(By Associated Press.)  
BUENOS AIRES, Mar. 31.—A report received here says on the voyage from New York to Rio Janeiro, a bomb was found in the coal cargo of the steamer Tennyson. Eight bombs were found in the coal cargo of the Norwegian ship Oldeney during her trip from New York.

## SWEDEN STRICTLY NEUTRAL

(By Associated Press.)  
LONDON, Mar. 31.—Strict neutrality will be the policy of the new Swedish cabinet, according to a Stockholm dispatch.

HIRAM GILL ACQUITTED  
OF FEDERAL VIOLATION

(By Associated Press.)  
SEATTLE, Mar. 31.—Mayor Hiram C. Gill and Chief of Police Breckenridge were found not guilty of importing liquor into Washington in violation of federal law. The four detectives were also acquitted.

CAN MAKE PEACE  
AT ANY TIME

AUSTRIAN DIPLOMAT SAYS OFFER OF CENTRAL POWERS STILL HOLDS GOOD

(By Associated Press.)  
AMSTERDAM, Mar. 31.—A Vienna dispatch quotes Count Czernin, Austrian-Hungarian foreign minister, as saying that the entente could conclude an honorable peace with the central powers any time, and that the proposal of a peace conference still holds good.

INDIGNANT OVER  
GERMAN ACTION

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Mar. 31.—Officials are much aroused by Germany's continued attempts to convict the United States of desiring war and they intend to show every possible opportunity to give Germany a way to avoid it. The American action foreshadowed in the Sussex note, delivered eight and a half months before the German decrees, merely followed the policy then outlined. Germany, on the other hand, abrogated its promises on seven-hundred notice to this government, and then, in the face of certain drastic action by the United States, allowed three days to pass without another attempt to meet the United States, it is pointed out.

LONG BEACH MUST  
FACE DAMAGE SUITS

(By Associated Press.)  
SAN FRANCISCO, Mar. 31.—The state supreme court has reaffirmed responsibility of the city of Long Beach for the loss of life in the pier disaster in 1913 which resulted in the filing of 87 suits for an aggregate damages of \$3,500,000.

## THREE SONS VOLUNTEER

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Mar. 31.—Secretary McAdams' three sons have volunteered for service in the naval reserve.

RUTHLESS U-BOAT CAMPAIGN  
PLANNED OVER 3 YEARS AGO

(By Associated Press.)  
LONDON, Mar. 31.—Lord Robert Cecil, the British blockade minister, made reply to the latest utterances of Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, the German imperial chancellor, in a statement to the Associated Press: "The German chancellor claims that Germany in the past renounced the unrestricted use of her submarine weapon in the expectation that Great Britain could be made to observe in her blockade policy the laws of humanity and international agreements," said Lord Robert. "It is difficult to say whether this statement is the more remarkable for its hypocrisy or for its falseness. Has the chancellor forgotten that the German forces have been guilty of excesses in Belgium unparalleled in

history, culminating in the attempted enslavement of a dauntless people, or poisoning well, of bombarding open towns, torpedoing hospital ships and sinking other vessels with total disregard for the safety of noncombatants on board, with the result that many hundreds of innocent victims, including both women and children, have lost their lives? "The latest manifestation of this policy is to be seen in the devastation and deportations carried out by the Germans in their forced retreat on the western front. The chancellor states that it is because the allies have not abandoned their blockade and have refused the so-called peace offer of Germany unrestricted submarine warfare now is decided upon. As to this, I will do

no more than quote what the chancellor himself said in the reichstag, when announcing the adoption of unrestricted submarine warfare. "He said that as soon as he, himself, in agreement with the supreme army command, reached the conviction that ruthless U-boat warfare would bring Germany nearer to a victorious peace, then the U-boat warfare would be started. He continued:

"This moment has now arrived. Last autumn the time was not ripe, but today the moment has come when with the greatest prospect of success, we can undertake this enterprise. We must not wait any longer. Where has there been a change? In the first place, the most important

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CHINA SLUFFED  
OFF HER SILVER

Silver metal has been attracting much attention recently because of its steady slump from its high price of 79 cents. Cable dispatches from Shanghai, however, have accounted in large measure for the steady decline. It is said that when diplomatic relations were broken off between China and Germany, Chinese speculators began immediately to sell silver and purchase sterling exchange, thus depressing silver prices by throwing a large volume of the metal on the market. Aside from the weakness in Chinese exchange, the fall of quotations in New York has been caused by the growing cost of transporting the metal to London on account of the rise in war risk insurance rates and the scarcity of available vessels.

DANISH ISLANDS  
FULLY PAID FOR

SCRAP OF PAPER REPRESENTS THE VALUES OF 48 TONS OF GOLD

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Mar. 31.—The final act of over 50 years effort to bring the Danish West Indies under the American flag was completed today when Danish minister Brun was handed a treasury warrant for \$25,000,000.

"By giving you this warrant," said Secretary Lansing, "I will save you the trouble of transporting 48 tons of gold. The value of this paper would be equivalent to that weight."

GIVING DEMOCRATS  
LIFE TIME JOBS

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Mar. 31.—Over 10,000 first, second and third-class postmasters were placed under civil service today by executive order of the president. Incumbents are not affected, but when vacancies occur as the result of death, resignation or removal, the civil service commission will hold open competitive examination. The highest man will be appointed. No person over 65 will be examined. The senate has the right to reject appointees.

PARIS MAY RETURN TO  
OIL STREET LIGHTING

(By Associated Press.)  
PARIS, Mar. 31.—The question of lighting streets with oil lamps will be considered owing to the difficulty of obtaining coal.

Secretary McAdams' three sons have volunteered for service in the naval reserve.

NAVY ENLISTMENTS  
ARE 1500 WEEKLY

GREAT INTERESTS FIGURING ON HOW WOMEN MAY TAKE PLACES OF MEN

(By Associated Press.)  
NEW YORK, Mar. 31.—On the basis of reports from different parts of the country, Commander John Grady, in charge of the eastern recruiting division of the navy, estimated that over 1500 enlisted during the week. He believes the whole country would do even better than 1500 weekly before long since it has become known that some financial and commercial houses are having efficiency experts investigate how women could take the places of men who enlisted.

BREWER KILLED BY  
AN AUTO ACCIDENT

COLLISION RESULTS IN ONE FATALITY AND THREE SERIOUSLY INJURED

(By Associated Press.)  
SACRAMENTO, Cal., Mar. 31.—Dr. John L. White, owner of the White hospital here, was instantly killed; W. Daupenspeck, a brewing master, and L. Relya, a garage employee, were probably fatally injured, in an automobile collision. Two others were injured.

FORTY AMERICANS AMONG  
PRISONERS OF MOEWE

(By Associated Press.)  
COPENHAGEN, Mar. 31.—More than 40 Americans were among the prisoners taken to Germany by the German commerce raider Moewe, according to Jack Benson, an American seaman, who has arrived here. The Americans, he says, now are held as prisoners of war in Germany.

KILLED HIMSELF TO  
AVOID GOING TO WAR

(By Associated Press.)  
CEDAR RAPIDS, Ia., Mar. 31.—Fear that he might have to go to war against the Germans is believed to have been the reason for the suicide of Fred Conreid, 21, who hanged himself yesterday near Linn Junction.

## MOBILIZED AT PRESIDIO

(By Associated Press.)  
SAN FRANCISCO, Mar. 31.—Companies of the Fifth and Second California Guard Regiments have arrived at the Presidio.

## FRENCH MAKE GAINS

(By Associated Press.)  
PARIS, Mar. 31.—French troops attacked German positions north of the Ailette river and made important progress eastward, says an official announcement.

Read the Bonanza.

CRIMINAL GENIUS  
SAVES COUNTRY

FRENCH AVIATOR AND INVENTOR HAS PRISON PENALTY REMITTED

(By Associated Press.)  
PARIS, Mar. 31.—Armand Deperdussin, charged with forgery, swindling and embezzlement in connection with his airplane construction business, was found guilty today and sentenced to five years in prison. The sentence was remitted immediately. Madame Deperdussin, his wife and co-defendant, was acquitted. Witnesses had testified that Deperdussin was the first person to recommend equipping airplanes with machine guns and that it was due to him that the French engineers were able to obtain results in airplane construction without which France would have been unable to compete with German machines used in the war.

An official inquiry showed that Deperdussin's debts amount to 1,500,000 francs. In August 1, 1912, he won the second prize in an aerial contest at Salisbury, England and September 1913 an airplane constructed by him won the international cup race at Rheims, France.

SPANISH SHIPS WILL  
RELIEVE OUR WARSHIP

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Mar. 31.—An offer by the king of Spain to have Spanish ships carry relief supplies to Syria and release the American naval vessels Casar and Des Moines, now war bound at Alexandria from that duty, was accepted by the United States.

BRITISH CAPTURE FIVE  
ADDITIONAL VILLAGES

(By Associated Press.)  
LONDON, Mar. 31.—British troops are advancing in northern France and pursuing the retreating Germans. They have captured five additional villages, according to a Reuter's dispatch.

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